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## OFFICERS FOR 1865.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Society, was held at their room on the 24th of October, 1864, and the following-named members were elected for officers for the year A. D. 1865, being the Tenth year of the existence of the Society:—

*President,*

JAMES THOMPSON.

*Vice Presidents,*

ALLEN SMITH, ELIJAH H. ALLEY,
SHUBAEL WORTH, EDWARD HAMMOND.

*Secretary,*

ALEXANDER MACY, JR.

*Treasurer,*

GEORGE W. MACY.

*Standing Committee on Crops,*

GARDNER COFFIN, WILLIAM H. PHINNEY,
EDWARD MACY, JOSEPH M. FOLGER,
CHARLES W. GARDNER.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# TENTH CATTLE SHOW AND FAIR,

OF THE

# Nantucket Agricultural Society.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Tenth Annual Exhibition of the Nantucket Agricultural Society, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 26th and 27th of September, 1865. The attendance was large at the Fair Ground, considering the absence of one great feature of attraction—a band of music. The Committee of Arrangements were disappointed in not having an excursion from New Bedford, and not being able to procure a band, and were compelled to depend upon the ordinary exhibitions of stock, and equestrian exercises, to render the occasion and scenes at the Ground pleasing and satisfactory.

## AT THE GROUNDS.

The entries of Stock were fewer in number than last year, yet there was some excellent blood stock which

would compare favorably with any in the State. One fine stallion, "General Grant," was on exhibition by James Thompson, who has imported him into the county this year; also, four thorough-bred Jersey cows were exhibited, belonging to the same gentleman, who has brought into the county in the last year and a half, seventeen thorough-breds. Allen Smith exhibited two Jersey and two Ayrshire cows, and a Jersey bull. William R. Easton, one Jersey cow. Manuel Enas, one fine two-year old Ayrshire heifer, and one Ayrshire bull, and Bailey R. Cornish one Ayrshire bull.

The exhibition showed an increased number of pure bloods over former years, although not so large as is desirable. The number of native cows was very limited, but they showed favorably, and did great credit to their keeping. It is to be hoped that greater efforts will be made by those who are improving native cows, to add to the exhibition at another fair, an increased number of such as may be worthy of commendation.

The Plowing Match was somewhat an exhibition of skill, although the soil was not very favorable for scientific turning of the furrows. The competitors were Messrs. Albert Bartlett and Charles W. Gardner, and each did credit to himself and his team.

At 3 o'clock the track was open for walking, running, and racing, and riders tested the speed of their horses, or rode with the gravity of venerable fathers around the track.

The exhibition of stock horses was equal to that of former years, and gave evidence of an increasing attention to that class of stock.

Wednesday afternoon was set apart for an Equestrian Exhibition. The equestrians consisted of Messrs. Reuben M. Coffin, Sherwood Coffin, Leander Cobb, Benjamin B. Gardner, Albert M. Hussey, Mason E. Morse, Richard E. Gibbs and Alexander Fanning, and the Misses Mary Eliza Macy, Mattie Dunham, Mary E. Coffin, Eliza Jane Backus, and Caroline A. Meiggs. The cavalcade left the upper square at 1½ o'clock, P, M., and proceeded to the Ground. The riding was very good when the horses were driven singly, but they were unaccustomed to uniformity of movement. Had they been more thoroughly exercised in riding in companies, there would have been some excellent riding. it was a very pleasing addition to the performances of the day. We trust that there may be an increased interest in this healthful exercise.

The number of carriages and pedestrians was very large, and the exhibition at the grounds passed off pleasantly, notwithstanding the weather was cool and bleak.

## THE HALL.

The evening entertainments at the Hall, were enlivened by some choice selections of ballads and patriotic airs, sung by the "Glee Club," Messrs. Allen, Hallett and Tobey, with the Misses Mary Abbie Hallett, Hattie A. Sayer and Susie Allen.

The tables were arranged as in former years around the Hall, and were covered with a choice collection of fruits and specimens of fancy needle-work, and manufactured articles, and some interesting relics. The walls

were adorned by works of art, displaying much taste and skill. I would refer to the reports of the several committees on awards, for more elaborate descriptions of this and other departments.

Some very fine house plants were exhibited on a tastefully designed stand of evergreen, in the centre of the hall. The decorations were simple festoons of the colors that do not "*run*," the National red, white and blue. Room was afforded for a large gathering, and the hall was filled with participants of the pleasures of the re-union.

The walls were adorned with mottoes, significant of the spirit of the times. Over the rostrum, was—"Our camp fires have gone out, and Ceres reigns where Mars held sway." On the South wall—"Whip, hoe, and sword; the whip banished, the sword sheathed, and the hoe triumphant. On the East side—"For peace and plenty give our Father thanks." On the West—"Agriculture develops the wealth of a nation." A Mexican and a Rebel flag were hung on the walls beside the American ensigns.

The display of vegetables was very excellent in quality considering the severe drought, but the quantity was less than on former exhibitions. The corn exhibited was very handsome, consisting of long, full, even ears; the pumpkins were very large, and there was an excellent exhibition of onions of mammoth size and weight. It is to be regretted that greater effort was not made to bring in a larger number of collections to this very attractive feature of exhibitions at the Hall.

The butter was excellent in appearance, and the

Committee had some trouble to determine which lot excelled.

The exhibition closed on Wednesday evening, with vocal music, and the socialities of the gatherings. The listeners were highly edified by a few remarks from Rev. Edward Hale, of Boston, who spoke eloquently and happily on the importance of Agriculture and Horticulture to a people. He introduced a fine quotation from Liebig, "that Hamburg grapes could be produced from pulverized flint dust." It was a true and significant thought. He applied it to the sandy soil of our island. All felt the force of the application and his remark that "by agriculture we subdue nature."

On motion of William H. Waitt, Esq., a vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies and others, who had so generously contributed to the fitting of the hall, the care of the exhibition, and the presentation of articles of utility, taste and beauty.

The Fair closed at 10 o'clock, P. M., and those who enjoy the mazy dance attended the Agricultural Ball; and thus closed the Tenth Annual Fair and Exhibition.

ALEXANDER MACY, Jr., *Secretary.*

# REPORTS.

## Plowing.

The Nantucket Agricultural Society's Committee on Plowing, hereby offer the following Report:—

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the number of competitors to be two; and after a careful examination of their work, we award the Society's first premium of four dollars, to Albert Bartlett, and the second premium of three dollars, to Charles W. Gardner.

*For the Committee,*
EDWARD HAMMOND.

## Vegetables.

The Committee on Vegetables would make the following Report:—

The number of contributors to this department was twenty-two. Though this was a small number, much less than usual, yet what was lacking in quantity was fully made up in quality, the articles shown being the very best of their kind. The corn, potatoes and onions, would bear comparison with those produced in any part of the State. We heard several inquiries from stran-

gers from the very centre of the farming districts of the State, as to whether the corn was for sale, as they wished to buy for seed purposes. We think the owners of the corn could have sold it all during the fair.

The best collection of vegetables, consisting of some twenty varieties of corn, potatoes, onions, turnips, beets, cabbages, carrots, pumpkins, beans, peppers, squashes, and Timothy seed, was exhibited by Mr. Charles A. Burgess. The potatoes in the collection, consisting of five distinct varieties—Apple, Mercer, Jackson Whites, Davis' and Robinson Seedlings, were worthy of particular attention. For this collection, the Committee award the first premium of $5.

The next best collection, consisting of thirteen varieties—corn, beans, onions, parsnips, potatoes, squashes, and pumpkins, was contributed by Mr. Charles W. Gardner. Accompanying the tub of potatoes was a statement that the three potatoes planted for seed, produced 80 pounds. The sweet corn in this collection—Stowell's Evergreen—was very fine. For this collection the Committee award the second premium of $3.

The collections next best according to varieties, were No. 3, contributed by Mr. Joseph M. Folger, and No. 10, contributed by Mr. Zimri Cathcart. Each of these collections contained ten varieties, and were so near alike, that the Committee were unable to decide between the two. We therefore award $2 to each.

In the exhibition held this past week in Boston, there is noted *one* ear of corn twelve inches long Mr. Cathcart's collection contained *three*, that were each *over* twelve inches long. In Mr. Folger's collection there was some fine looking barley, and the only regular top-over corn in the exhibition, though there were several varieties labelled "top-over."

Mr. Obed Starbuck contributed four bunches of Dutton corn, for which the premium of $1 is awarded.

Mr. Henry Coffin contributed potatoes, beets, and corn. On potatoes, the Committee award him the premium of $1; on corn and beets, a gratuity of fifty cents.

Mr. William Bartlett contributed a fine collection of onions, potatoes, pumpkins, parsnips, beans and corn. The onions consisted of two bunches, one white and one red, weighing over eighty pounds. On onions, the Committee award him the premium of $1, and on the other vegetables fifty cents.

Mr. Samuel B. Swain contributed a basket containing corn, beets, potatoes, onions, squashes, muskmelon, pumpkins, Lima beans, and strawberry tomatoes. These last named had the closest examination of any article contributed, and the quality was, we think, appreciated. We noticed that they decreased in quantity from the first. Looking in on the evening of the second day of the fair, we found them *all* gone; in fact, eaten up by tasters. Though this was hardly coming up to the third rule of the Committee of Arrangements, that all articles must remain during the fair, the Committee award a premium of $1 for the collection.

Mr. Lemuel Jones contributed beets, very large, of two varieties, for which the Committee award the premium of $1.

Mr. William Warren contributed cabbages, parsnips, and three varieties tomatoes, for which is awarded a premium of 50 cents.

Mr. E. G. Coffin, a fine bunch of corn raised on Coscaty, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

Mr. William R. Easton also exhibited a bunch of corn which, though not as large ears as some of the others, yet it was not excelled by any in the beauty of kernels or straightness of the rows on the cob. For this, a premium of twenty-five cents is awarded.

Mr. Charles G. Coffin contributed (after the opening of the fair,) Jackson White and Berkley potatoes, and

a basket of very large ears of corn, grown on the commons without manure, as stated by the ticket attached. We read in the History of Nantucket, that the first settlers used to cultivate a "common corn-field," without manure, and raise sixty bushels of corn to the acre; the land that this corn grew on, must have been either a part of that "field," or a spot of vigin soil that they overlooked. We doubt whether any highly manured soil could produce any better. For this, a premium of fifty cents is awarded.

Master Wallace Cartwright contributed a Peruvian squash, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

Mr. E. H. Alley, three Yokohama squashes, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

Mr. Alexander G. Hussey, tobacco, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

Master Herbert Gardner, beans and pop corn, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

Mr. Obed H. Joy contributed a basket of fine looking apple potatoes, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

Charles Hathaway, pop corn, and is awarded twenty-five cents.

Master Thomas S. Sayer exhibited a cage of white rabbits, and Master Horace Fisher a box of grey rabbits. Though these were not exactly vegetables, yet they attracted considerable attention. A gratuity of twenty-five cents is awarded to each.

Master Frank H. Macy contributed an egg plant growing with fruit, for which twenty-five cents is awarded.

*For the Committee,*

H. P. Olin.

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**Fruit.**

The show of Fruit was much better than we expect-

ed; indeed, it was the best show we have had during the existence of the Society.

Apples.—Have not been much cared for, an impression having obtained among the good people of our island, that this substantial fruit of New England will not grow with us. We hope this idea may be exploded, and the show of fine apples at the fair, in this bad season for this kind of fruit, ought to do much to convince us, that with care, and shelter from the South West winds, the apple may be grown to some advantage.

Grapes.—We had a good show, both those from under glass, and in the open air, were good. The Concord and Hartford Prolific do the best with us; they are sure to ripen, and are both good grapes. The Isabella is under a cloud, for the disease that has ravaged the vineyards of the world is upon it, and the good promise of the early summer is mainly destroyed; still, from some vines that were well situated, we had some good Isabella grapes.

Pears.—This beautiful fruit was exhibited in profusion of almost every variety, and some kinds were large and good; this fruit will grow with us well, if due care to renew the soil is taken. The pear does not grow well in long cultivated gardens; some of the salts that tree requires, have been exhausted, and need renewal.

Peaches.—We had some very good peaches in the hall; some that had a little assistance from glass, were splendid; and a few that grew in the open air in warm positions, were fair; in general, we have not had enough of this delicious fruit.

Quinces were not plenty, but there were some good ones shown. We fear that quinces are being neglected by our fruit growers.

Melons.—Although late, there were some good melons of both kinds in the hall.

Cranberries.—A few baskets of this fruit were

shown. This fruit is a very uncertain bearer, and this year seems to be resting from its labor.

SHELLBARKS AND CHESTNUTS.—We had some of each exhibited; enough to show that they will grow from our soil.

We notice among the fruit exhibited, from Mr. James Thompson were Black Hamburg grapes, Rose Chasselas, Pitmaston White Cluster, and Syrian from under glass; growing in open air, were the Delaware, Concord, Rebecca, Diana, and Hartford Prolific. Mr. Thompson also sent us Bartlett, Figue, Colmar d'Aremberg, Louise Bonne de Jersey, and Gray Doyenne pears.

Mr. Andrew Worth had some fine Isabella grapes and Fejee tomatoes.

Mr. Henry Coffin sent pears of several kinds; we noticed Paradise of Autumn, Swan's Orange, Cabot, Columbia, Bartlett, Beurre Bosc, Beurre d'Aremberg, Napoleon, Flemish Beauty, Knight's Monarch, Bonne de Jersey, Belle Lucrative, Maria Louise, Nouveau Poiteau, Catalac, Beurre d'Anjou, Buffum, Beurre Diel, and several kinds not named.

Capt. Reuben Chase had very fine Isabella grapes.

Miss Eunice Coleman, a dish of good Isabella grapes.

Mr. Joseph Sylvaro sent good Isabella grapes and quinces.

Mr. Joseph M. Folger had some good cranberries.

Mr. Henry D. Robinson exhibited good Isabella grapes, also Diana, Delaware, and Hartford Prolific.

Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, a dish of good quinces.

Mr. Henry C. Pinkham, good Isabella grapes, Buffum pears, and greening apples.

Mrs. Mary Ewer, good peaches.

Mr. E. H. Alley, a fine lot of fruit, among which were Black Hamburg grapes, White Hamburg, Muscat, Rose Chasselas, White Sweetwater, and Fontainebleau, raised under glass; raised in open air, were Concord, Hartford Prolific, Delaware, Diana, Elsinburg, and Union Vil-

lage; also, nine kinds of pears, and good quinces. Mr. Alley had some fine sweet potatoes, as good as the best Virginia.

Mrs. E. Burdick sent peaches and a seedling apple.

Mrs. Martha Matthews sent us from the Cape, apples, peaches, and quinces.

Mr. Charles G. Coffin had White Doyenne, Catalac, Swan's Orange, Seckel, Bartlett, Flemish Beauty, Vicar of Winkfield pears, and a box of honey.

Mr. Lewis H. Wendel sent us apples, pears, Isabella grapes, and pickled quinces.

Mr. Matthew Crosby showed Bartlett pears, and splendid peaches; the peaches, we think, must have been aided by glass, but they did good credit to Siasconset.

Mr. Samuel King sent twelve kinds of apples, and twenty-four varieties of pears; some splendid Bartletts, and a Duchess, that weighed seventeen ounces. Mr. King's success is very encouraging indeed.

Mr. Matthew Smith sent from Sandwich good apples, peaches and quinces.

Mr. Zimri Cathcart had good cranberries.

Mrs. William B. Mitchell, a basket of fruit.

Mr. N. Bodfish sent from Barnstable some handsome pears.

Mrs. William H. Chase, some beautiful Bartlett pears.

Mr. Edward R. Folger had good pears, Duchess and Flemish Beauty.

Mr. William H. Waitt sent good Concord and Isabella grapes.

Mr. William Bartlett had fine melons.

Mr. George A. Myrick, good citron melons.

Master Wallace Cartwright, a large muskmelon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Coffin, a basket of peaches.

Mrs. Charles W. Gardner, some good cranberries.

Mr. Zaccheus Coffin Macy, sent shellbarks from his own farm.

Miss Emeline Coffin, some apples.

Your Committee on fruit award the following premiums:

Mr. Henry Coffin, for the best lot of pears, $5.

Mr. E. H. Alley, for the best grapes under glass, $5.

Mr. Matthew Crosby, for peaches, $1.

Mrs. Mary Ewer, for peaches, $1.

Capt. Reuben Chase, for best Isabella grapes, $1.

Mr. Samuel King, for best apples, $5; for second best pears, $3.

Mr. James Thompson, for second best grapes from under glass, $3.

Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, for best quinces, $1.

Mr. Henry D. Robinson, for best Delaware grapes, $1.

Mr. William Bartlett, for best melons, $2.

Mr. William H. Chase, for good Bartlett pears, $1.

*For the Committee,*

JOHN H. SHAW.

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**Flowers.**

Your Committee on Flowers, report that owing to the severe drought this season, the show of plants and flowers was rather less than on some previous years, yet the display was very fair and creditable:

To Mrs. E. H. Alley, for a beautifully arranged dish of cut flowers, the committee award the first premium, two dollars.

To Miss Hannah Hussey, the second premium, one dollar and fifty cents.

To Mrs. Samuel B. Swain, fine cut flowers, one dollar.

Mrs. James Thompson exhibited a handsomely arranged dish of cut flowers, with brilliant and showy variegated leaves, which attracted much notice and admiration; not entered for premium.

To Mrs. Lewis H. Wendel, in consideration of past

and present interest taken in the adornment of the hall, the committee take pleasure in awarding a valuable copy of "Harris on Insects."

Mrs. Lewis H. Wendel contributed four dishes fine dahlias, the only ones displayed, and one dish fine cut flowers.

Mrs. E. P. Fearing, a dish of showy cut flowers, finely arranged.

Mrs. Charles H. Starbuck, a picture of splendidly preserved flowers, and one dish handsome cut flowers.

Master G. A. Myrick, a vegetable piece, which displayed much taste in the grouping, a gratuity of fifty cents.

The floral bower arranged by three young ladies, Miss Sarah W. Macy, Miss Jane Coffin, and Miss Mary E. Coffin, evinced both taste and skill, and adorned by Mrs. Lewis H. Wendel's rare pot plants, was the most graceful combination in this department, and one of the chief ornaments of the exhibition.

MRS. S. B. SWAIN,
MISS S. A. COLEMAN, } Committee.

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## Horses.

### STALLIONS, MARES AND COLTS.

Report of your Committee on Horses, Mares and Colts:—

### STALLIONS.

To the stallion "General Grant," entered by James Thompson, President of the Society, we award the premium of $75. This stallion was entered with a pedigree, which we subjoin, and so far as we could judge, he will do credit to his ancestors, his sire being one of the best stock-getters in the State.

"*Gen. Grant's Pedigree.*"—Dam, Belladonna; grand-

dam, Lady Swan; sire, Berkshire; grandsire, Black Hawk. Berkshire's dam was Lady Swan.

MARES WITH COLTS BY THEIR SIDES.

William R. Easton, first premium, $5; William R. Perkins, second premium, $4; William Bennett, third premium, $3.

COLTS THREE YEARS OLD.

Matthew Macy, first premium, four dollars; R. M. Coffin, second do., three dollars.

COLTS TWO YEARS OLD.

R. M. Coffin, first premium, three dollars; George Enas, second do., two dollars.

COLTS ONE YEAR OLD.

Manuel Enas, first premium, two dollars; George C. Gardner, second do., one dollar.

SUCKING COLTS.

George C. Gardner, first premium, two dollars; Matthew Macy, second do., one dollar.

*For the Committee,*

JOSEPH MARSHALL.

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**Family, Draught and Walking Horses.**

The Committee on Family, Draught and Walking Horses at the Tenth Nantucket Cattle Show, beg leave to make the following report:—

There was only one horse entered for walking, and that by John Winn, which walked one-half mile around the course, in six minutes and four seconds, and we award him the first premium of three dollars.

There were three family horses entered for premium; one by Obed Starbuck, one by James Thompson, and one by Andrew M. Myrick. We award to Obed Star-

buck the first premium of three dollars; to James Thompson, the second premium of two dollars.

There were two pairs of draught horses entered: one pair by John Winn, and one pair by Charles W. Gardner. We award to John Winn the first premium of five dollars, and to Charles W. Gardner the second premium of three dollars.

There were only two single draught horses entered for premium; one by John Winn, and one by Charles W. Gardner. We award John Winn the first premium of three dollars, and Charles W. Gardner the second premium of two dollars.

Reuben M. Coffin entered on exhibition a trotting horse four years of age, which went around the course, one mile, in three minutes and thirty-six seconds.

The only remark your Committee has to make is, that all the horses performed their parts well.

MATTHEW CROSBY,
JOSEPH M. FOLGER,
RICHARD E. BURGESS,
} Committee.

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**Equestrian Performances.**

The committee on Equestrian Performances at our recent Cattle Show and Fair, respectfully report:—

The whole number of entries for trials of skill in horsemanship was twelve. We award the first premium to Benjamin B. Gardner, $3; second, to Leander Cobb; $2; third, to Mason Morse, $1. First premium to a lady, Miss Mary E. Coffin, $3; second, to Miss Mary E. Macy, $2; third, to Miss Caroline A. Meiggs, $1.

It affords your committee much pleasure to notice the unabated interest manifested in this department of the exercises at our Annual Fair; and they would express the earnest hope that still more attention will be given to the cultivation of a taste for this most delight-

ful and healthy exercise; not only by those of the "sterner sex," but more particularly among that portion of the community to whom healthful exercise in the open air is an indispensable antidote to their in-door life and sedentary habits.

Practice is necessary, in order to become proficient in this, as in all other arts, and the equestrian competitor should not risk his or her reputation upon a horse unaccustomed to the saddle, or upon one with which they are totally unacquainted.

In awarding the premiums, your committee could not, of course, make allowances for any of the obstacles to success which may have existed of the nature hinted at above, but only judge impartially of *results*, independently of them. The riding was very creditable to all participating, and it was somewhat difficult in some instances to decide to whom the award should be made.

Hoping that the interest in the success of this popular feature of our Annual Fair may continue to increase in the future, and be fostered in all practicable ways by the Agricultural Society, we are, respectfully,

A. Franklin,
Geo. W. Macy, } Committee.
Henry Coffin,

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**Bulls.**

Your Committee have attended to the duty allotted to them, and give the following report:—

There were but three entries, two Ayrshires and one Alderney. Manuel Enas one, Bailey R. Cornish one, Allen Smith, one. Of the two Ayrshires, the Committee would give the preference to the one entered by Manuel Enas, but this animal, which was owned by the Society last year, and which took the first premium then, could not take it again; therefore we award the

first premium, $20, to Bailey R. Cornish, for his pure-blooded Ayrshire; to Allen Smith, the first premium for his pure-blooded Alderney. The Committee would recommend a gratuity of five dollars to Manuel Enas, for his noble looking animal.

*For the Committee,*

MATTHEW MACY.

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**Cows and Heifers.**

The number of animals presented was less than usual, but a decided improvement in quality was apparent.

There were ten pure-breds, viz:—James Thompson exhibited three Alderneys, and one Ayrshire cow. Allen Smith, two Alderneys and two Ayrshires. William R. Easton, one Alderney, and Manuel Enas one Ayrshire heifer; John Winn, one two years' old heifer of mixed blood, Thomas C. Winslow, one two years' old do. do., and Edward F. Easton, one grade heifer, in milk. So far as the Committee could ascertain, the above comprises all of the pure and mixed breeds presented; but there were some excellent native cows. Bailey R. Cornish exhibited six cows, one two years' old, and one one year old heifer; Manuel Enas, two two years' old, and two one year old heifers; Edward Macy, one cow; Alexander G. Coffin, one cow; William C. Folger, one cow; William Warren, one cow; Edward F. Easton, one cow; Patrick Collins, one cow and calf; Gardner Coffin, one cow; and Andrew Johnson, one eight months' old calf.

In view of the very able and elaborate report of your committee of last year, we do not deem it expedient to make any general observations on the various breeds of stock at this time. We quote from that luminous report, in reference to Alderneys, for the purpose of adding new experience: "For pastures and hard winters, they are

not equal, as it is said by some breeders, to the Ayrshire. Others as reputable breeders, say that no cow exceeds the Jerseys in hardiness." Those with us, who had Alderneys through the last winter, ascertained that they were no more affected by severe cold, than the most hardy natives; indeed, we must conclude that they were less so, if we are to judge from their regular flow of milk, for while with the varying weather, the natives would differ in the quality of milk from one to three pounds per day; the Alderneys would scarcely vary an ounce under the same circumstances.

After a careful examination of all the presented stock, we made the following awards:—

To James Thompson, for his cow, Jenny Lind, Alderney, the first premium of five dollars; for his cow, Flora, Alderney, the second premium of four dollars; for his two years' old heifer, Alderney, in milk, the second premium of three dollars; for his Ayrshire cow, Beauty, the first premium of five dollars; to Allen Smith, for his Ayrshire cow, Rose, the second premium of four dollars; for his two years' old Ayrshire heifer, in milk, the first premium of four dollars; for his two years' old Alderney heifer, in milk, the first premium of four dollars; to Bailey R. Cornish, for his herd of cows, the second premium of eight dollars; Edward F. Easton exhibited the only grade, a heifer, two years old, in milk; Manuel Enas, the best two years' old Ayrshire, and the second best two years' old heifer; John Winn, the best two years' old mixed blood heifer; Thomas C. Winslow, the second best two years' old do.; Bailey R. Cornish, the best one year old heifer; Patrick Collins, the best native cow; Gardner Coffin, the second best native cow.

WM. R. EASTON,
ANDREW M. MYRICK,
GARDNER COFFIN,
} Committee.

### Working Oxen and Steers.

The Committee on Working Oxen hereby represent, that the number of pairs of cattle exhibited was seven; and in testing their working qualifications, the Committee award to Mr. William R. Perkins, the first premium, four dollars; to Mr. George Robinson, second do., three dollars; Mr. Obed Starbuck, third do., two dollars. To Mr. Levi Coffin, for best three years old steers, first premium, three dollars; to Mr. Albert Easton, second do., two dollars.

*For the Committee,*

JOHN WINN.

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### Sheep.

Your Committee on Sheep were very sorry to find so few entries. Only two flocks were presented, and neither of these of a thorough breed. George C. Gardner had a flock of fine looking sheep, fat, fine shaped, and of good size. These were partly Southdown mixed. Joseph M. Folger also had a flock of part Southdown, not so handsome as the flock just noticed, but partaking more of the Southdown, and, as fatness and beauty were elements not considered by the Committee, they award to Mr. Folger the first premium, three dollars. They also award to George C. Gardner the first premium, two dollars, for a flock of lambs.

Your Committee feel called on to say something with regard to sheep raising. Upon no subject is there such a conflict of opinion. Whether sheep are profitable or unprofitable; whether they injure or improve lands; whether fine or coarse, large or small, are most productive, are questions of often discussion and entire disa-

greement among farmers. Much of this conflict of opinion arises from an imperfect knowledge of all the facts. Certain kinds will flourish in some places, and others not. Some lands will be improved and others not. Sometimes coarse sheep are most desirable, and again the finer breeds; so that a farmer must look at all his surroundings before he can decide. To be candid, your Committee have not a high opinion of sheep raising at all, as usually carried on in this county. Any land that will produce any other crop, will yield more with the same care and capital than it will in sheep raising. And yet we believe in every farmer having a few sheep. A flock of a hundred sheep would tear an ordinary farm of twenty or thirty acres all to pieces. Fifteen or twenty would be not only beneficial to the land, if pastured judiciously, but of pecuniary profit to the owner. Every farmer needs a few sheep on his farm, as scavengers. They are indiscriminate feeders. They are continually shifting from one species of herbage to another. Our soil is peculiarly favorable to sheep. It gives them a rugged constitution and strong muscular development. Sheep, too, are powerful digesters. They can extract from the driest and coarsest herbage, more nutriment than any other animal. They therefore consume, in proportion to their weight, a larger amount in bulk. Linnæus found that by offering fresh plants of the ordinary feeding kind, that horses ate 276 species and refused 212. Cattle ate 268, and refused 218, while sheep ate 387, and refused only 141. So that, when you have pastures over which your milch cows have grazed, and you find the briar, the indigo, the fern, and the young whortleberry remaining, then a few sheep to follow on behind your herd will be a profit. Where ten cows and twenty sheep would united produce a good profit to you, a hundred sheep, without any cows, would make you poorer every year. The twenty sheep, thus managed, would really improve every lot, while the hundred would utterly destroy your whole farm. It is

over-stocking and injudicious feeding, and the loss by trampling and the gnawing of half-fed sheep, that destroy the farm. And so some conclude that sheep injure land, and by their manner of feeding they do; while others as confidently assert that they are a benefit: and so they are, as they use them. We repeat, then, that every farmer should keep a few sheep. They will clean up his rough pastures. They will furnish some lambs for his table and some for market. They will produce wool enough to make warm the wearing apparel of his wife and daughters, to quilt also into the coverlets for winter, to make his yarn for stockings, and a balance to sell for cash to help pay his tax. So far they are good on our farms, but no farther. On the Western prairies, where a man has acres on acres more than he can cultivate, a large flock of sheep will bring him a good return. In fact, all that he gets from them is clear gain. So among the Granite Hills, where rocks and boulders, and abrupt sides make land unfit for meadow or tillage, there sheep in large numbers will be profitable. Not so with us. There was a time when sheep raising was worth pursuing in Nantucket. When the flocks could wander over fifteen thousand acres of tolerable pasture, worth to the owners a mere song; before malice and all uncharitableness had swept the commons through that "dog-in-the-manger" spirit which is at times found among bad men; before brother had commenced war on brother, and the spirit of Cain had begun a warfare on our flocks, then the fifteen thousand acres would feed their *fifteen thousand* sheep (*only then one sheep to an acre*), and what return was made was a clear profit.

Well now if we come to the conclusion that we should keep a few sheep, the question arises as to what kinds. As with cows, so with sheep; no farmer can afford to keep any kind but the best. That is, best for the farmer, looking at all sides of the account. Once, the flesh of sheep was a secondary matter. Wool was

the leading element. Within twenty years, thousands of sheep have been slaughtered for little more than the value of their pelts. Merinos and Saxonies were then the rage. But mutton is now of value. Therefore the farmer should now look for a kind of sheep that would produce the most value, taking wool and mutton both into the account. The sheep best fitted for our soil and climate and for profit, is the Southdown. No sheep now commonly reared, will produce upon a given quantity of feed so much wool, so good wool, so much mutton, so good mutton, so many lambs and so hardy lambs as the Southdown. The sooner you get these pure, the better for your purse. The Southdown sheep and Ayrshire cow are the farmer's hand-maidens. The Merinos are too tender, and the carcass almost worthless. The Cotswolds are too coarse both in wool and mutton, and so are the Leicesters. Five Leicesters or six Merinos eat about as much as a cow, and as much as eight or nine Southdowns. The Southdown, for flavor of the mutton, is far ahead of any other known variety.

When you have procured the best sheep, it then becomes necessary to take care of them. While you get clear of the diseases and dangers incident to large flocks, still there is care necessary. They should be fed and sheltered in the winter. They should have protection from the rains and heat of summer. Rain is the great destroyer of sheep. In clear, dry, cold weather, the tenderest one will in no way be injured. With the thermometer at zero, the sheep is comfortable and happy, while on a drizzly, warm day, or in a rain storm, in either winter or summer, the sheep is a great sufferer. The reason is obvious. The temperature of the body of a sheep is higher than that of any other domestic animal. It is usually in healthy sheep about 104° above zero, as marked on our common thermometer. Nothing tends to lower this temperature so readily as the saturation of the fleece by wet. And as the temperature is lowered, so he sinks in condition. It requires

all that he can eat to furnish sufficient carbon or heat to expel the cold from his system. Nothing is left for nourishment, and so the damp weather actually produces starvation. Clear weather, and the colder the better, we may almost say, is the sheep's holiday. His casing of wool is sufficient protection. But a continued rain storm is the messenger of disease and death. Therefore we close with recommending our farmers to keep sheep; to keep but few; to change often their pastures; to let them follow on behind their cows to clear up their pasture land; to keep Southdowns; to keep them well fed; to shelter them in wet weather, and in winter, or when there is no dew in summer, to see that they can get water; and further, to remember one thing, that 45 pounds of peas or beans are equal for feeding them, to 100 pounds of best hay, and equal to 504 pounds of turnips or 276 pounds of carrots.

*For the Committee,*

EDWARD M. GARDNER.

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**Poultry.**

Your Committee on Poultry, make the following report:—

There were two entries of Hens; one by A. Morse, to whom we award the first premium, $3.00.

One by Bailey R. Cornish, to whom we award the second premium, $2.00.

There were two entries of Ducks; one by Albert Easton, to whom we award the first premium, $2.00.

One by Bailey R. Cornish, to whom we award the second premium, $1.00

There were two entries of Geese; one by Albert Easton, to whom we award the first premium, $2.00.

One by John O'Connell, to whom we award the second premium, $1.00.

There was only one entry of Turkeys, and that by Albert Easton, to whom we award the first premium, $2.00.

*For the Committee,*
JOSEPH VINCENT.

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**Fruit Trees.**

Your Committee on the best lot of Fruit Trees set out within three years, report:—

That Mr. Henry Coffin has the best lot of young trees complying with the conditions, and is entitled to the society's premium of $5.00.

JOHN H. SHAW,
GEORGE W. MACY, } Committee.

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**Bread and Honey.**

The Committee on Bread and Honey, report:—

There was not any Bread entered. The only sample of Honey, was entered by Mr. Charles G. Coffin; it was of the required quality and quantity, to entitle it to the first premium of $2.00.

MRS. CHARLES C. FOLGER,
" ARNOLD MORSE,
" WILLIAM RAWSON, } Committee.

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**Butter and Cheese.**

The Committee on Butter and Cheese, respectfully submit the following report:—

There were four entries of butter—ten pounds each—for premium, and one lot of five pounds, on exhibition. The quality was excellent, and remarkable for its

uniformity. The greatest care was necessary to discriminate between the different lots, so slight was the difference. After a careful examination, we made the awards as follows: To Manuel Enas, the first premium, of $4.00. To Joseph M. Folger, the second premium, of $3.00. That exhibited by Mr. Arnold Morse, and Mr. Stiengard, was so near alike, and varied so little from the other lots, that we recommend an award of two dollars to each of them. The lot of five pounds was exhibited by Mrs. James Thompson. The quality was unsurpassed, and the color (a deep orange) unequalled. This butter, the product of pure Alderney stock, was remarkable for its *natural* richness of color, a feature imparted from the peculiarity of the Alderney stock, and not from the feed, as many suppose; for this lot, we recommend a gratuity of two dollars, the quantity exhibited excluding it from premium. The Committee regret that there were so few entries, not more than half of the usual number; many of our farmers, who have been successful competitors at former exhibitions, were non-contributors at the present. Since our last Fair, the society have had an extensive show-case, with an ice-chest, prepared, for the better accommodation and keeping of butter, while on exhibition. We found it to be a decided improvement.

We hope and trust that another year, we shall have a larger show in this department, and that none may withhold from contributing, lest they should not receive the *highest* premium; but bear in mind that honorable competition stimulates to renewed exertions, and if not successful in the *first* degree, the way is still open for them to "*try, try again.*"

Of Cheese, there were no entries.

*For the Committee,*

WILLIAM H. WAITT.

## Manufactured Articles.

The Committee appointed to examine Manufactured Articles, submit the following report:—

The number of articles contributed to this department, were but few in number, and fell far short of what they ought to have been. We believe, from the well-known skill and ingenuity of our mechanics and others, a display of useful and ornamental articles might be contributed to it, which would make it very attractive and interesting. We have the ability, and all we want is the will, to make this part of the exhibition as interesting as either of the other departments. We hope that more interest will be taken in the Society's exhibitions hereafter, and the space allowed for manufactured articles, may be well filled.

Deborah W. Sherman, had a bottle of very nice tomato ketchup, on exhibition, for which we award twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Samuel B. Swain contributed a jar of spiced currants. We presume they were excellent, but as they were not donated this way, we cannot speak with certainty. We award a gratuity of twenty-five cents. Also, a sample of sweet corn, which was very nice, for which we award a gratuity of twenty-five cents.

Mrs. Sarah Parker had on exhibition a lot of hand-made rolls, and a sample of yarn, of her own spinning. The ladies present pronounced it very nice. We hope to hear from Mrs. Parker a number of years yet. We award her a gratuity of fifty cents.

James Thompson entered a very nice lot of hosiery. Mr. Thompson's reputation as a manufacturer is a sufficient guarantee for his goods, without a word from the committee. We award him the first premium of four dollars.

Roland Folger entered a nest of rattan baskets. This lot of baskets was very handsome and neatly made. Mr. Folger makes many such, and we award him the first premium of two dollars.

Owen Spooner entered a lot of rattan baskets. These were well made, and we award him the second premium of one dollar.

Thomas S. James entered a nest of six fancy baskets, which were very neatly made, and reflect much credit upon Mr. James for his skill, and we should have liked to have seen a specimen of his rattan work. We award him a gratuity of one dollar.

Francis B. Smith had on exhibition two caskets or burial cases, accompanied with numerous testimonials, setting forth their beauty and durability. These cases have taken several awards. Any further information may be had of Mr. Smith. We award him a gratuity of one dollar.

Mr. Albert Hussey entered a lot of rattan baskets. They were strong and substantially made, good for service, and we award him a gratuity of seventy-five cents.

THOMAS S. MITCHELL,
EDWARD F. EASTON, } Committee.

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**Fancy Articles.**

Your Committee would submit the following report for your acceptance. Although the variety and number of pieces of fancy work have been less this than in former years, in no previous year have we observed greater ingenuity, or examined more that was entirely new in design and beauty. The worsted work was not so elaborate or rich as heretofore; a few pieces only were on exhibition:—

Mrs. Roland F. Coffin exhibited a worsted-work pic-

ture, of pretty design and neatly executed, for which the Committee award 75 cents.

Miss Jane Coffin, a bead and worsted bracket, very handsome, $1.

Mary Swift Coffin, a camp stool covering, 50 cents.

Mrs. E. P. Fearing, a cricket covering and three mats.

Mrs. Mary Earle, a crochet worsted sofa cushion, of new design and stitch.

Mrs. David B. Sprague, a knit sofa cushion, very handsome and new design, $1.

Miss Lucretia Macy, a taboret cover, neatly worked, before exhibited.

Mrs. Judith Burnell, a bead and worsted cushion.

Mrs. S. R. Williams, a toilet set and cushions, very beautiful.

Mrs. L. A. Morris, a worsted wreath, very ingenious and beautiful, $1.

Miss L. Davis, a feather picture.

Mrs. E. P. Fearing, a feather picture.

Miss L. A. Easton, aged 11 years, a feather picture of pretty design.

Mrs. Nancy Tallant, eight cards of autumn leaves, very beautiful.

Mrs. M. A. Starbuck, pressed flowers, framed, very handsome, 75 cents.

Miss M. L. Sheffield, two pictures of sheep and fruit, deserving of great praise, $2.

Mrs. E. R. Coffin, a shell picture.

Wendell Macy of New Bedford, two pictures in crayon and two in oil, very handsome.

Mrs. C. E. Coffin, a bunch of wax flowers, natural and pretty.

Miss S. L. Simmons, autumn leaves.

Miss R. Parker, a smoking cap, very neat.

Miss J. M. Enas, bead work, 25 cents.

Miss E. F. Wyer, a crochet tidy, very fine and neat, 50 cents.

Mrs. S. R. Williams, a crochet tidy and toilet cushion, $1.

Mrs. S. G. Moore, exhibited a frame and picture made by a Nantucket soldier, very ingenious.

Mrs. William B. Mitchell, a very beautiful vase of stuffed birds.

Mrs. Dr. Fearing exhibited the wings of an owl shot upon the Island.

Mrs. Ruth Brown, a box of prettily arranged paper dolls, 25 cents.

Mrs. B. G. Smith, an exquisite bouquet of skeleton leaves and flowers, $1.

Miss Judith Chase, a knit worsted tidy, new design, and pretty, 50 cents.

Dr. Arthur E. Jenks, a picture of Sankoty Head Light House and surroundings, very truthful and neatly executed.

Miss Kate Bailey, a tatting collar, very neatly done, 25 cents.

Mrs. Harriet S. Folger, night dress and other embroideries, very handsome, and the only work of the kind exhibited, $1.

Miss M. E. King, a picture of moss and shell work, 50 cents.

Mrs. S. G. Rule, a small picture of the old mill at Newport, in a pretty frame made by a soldier in Portsmouth Grove Hospital.

Miss Mary E. Coffin, a toilet set, very beautiful, $1.

Mrs. Mary Hussey and Mrs. Sarah G. Davis, exhibited some fern leaf impressions, made in London, very attractive and beautiful.

Mrs. Roland F. Coffin, two very fine portraits, done in wax, in Liverpool, very elegant and life-like.

Mrs. William Worth, a picture in oil,—scene from Shakspeare.

Eliza B. Macy, an egg-shell tea set, 25 cents.

Roland B. Hussey, furniture, sofa and chair—toys, 25 cents.

Mary E. Starbuck, a pair of worsted leggings, very pretty, 25 cents.

Emma F. Wyer, a bead-work watch-case.

Ellen F. Snow, worsted book-marks.

Mrs. Roland F. Coffin, beautiful pieces of shell-work, 50 cents.

Miss Eliza B. Macy, crochet collars, 50 cents.

The quilts exhibited were of new designs, worthy of much praise, and were highly commented upon by an appreciative audience.

Mrs. David B. Sprague exhibited a quilt, basket design, in patchwork, very tastefully arranged, 50 cents.

Mrs. S. R. Williams, two quilts, star and compass pattern, the finest design ever before exhibited.

Mrs. Obed H. Joy, a quilt containing 2400 pieces, very elaborate and beautifully sewed, 50 cents.

Mrs. Heman Fish, a patchwork quilt, displaying much industry and taste, 50 cents.

Mrs. Love Calder, a rag mat, 50 cents.

Mrs. Edward Macy, a braided mat, 50 cents.

There were many articles of antiquity which attracted much attention.

Mrs. H. Fish exhibited a silver spoon 150 years old, also one 221 years old, which belonged to Esq. George Bunker.

George S. Coleman, a porringer 186 years old, also a spoon 113 years old.

Mrs. William Worth, an antique pitcher, the designs and mottoes on which attracted much attention and created much mirth.

Mrs. Eunice Coggeshall, antique tea caddy and cups and saucers.

Miss Eunice Coleman, antique bowl taken from a Chinese junk found at sea, twenty-five years ago; also, an ancient bottle, marked "T. Brock, 1744."

Mrs. Samuel B. Swain exhibited an ancient coffee-pot that was presented to Abigail Folger, at her marriage with James Franklin, in 1697, by her father, Peter

Folger; it was a part of the first tea-set ever brought to the Island, and belonged to Dr. Franklin's sister.

Asa Rawson exhibited a curious glass pistol, which can be traced over 100 years past: the same strings which originally were used to tie it to the wall are on it now.

Mrs. Robert C. Hussey, a large bouquet of beautiful feather flowers.

Mrs. David B. Sprague, an elegant variety of flowers, in bouquets and wreaths, from St. Catharines, all made of fish scales, which attracted much attention.

Mr. David B. Sprague exhibited two sea turtles, very curious, picked up at sea.

The Committee feel that they have been much indebted to those few who have contributed so largely to the Fair of much that was curious and beautiful—Mrs. Roland F. Coffin, Mrs. David B. Sprague, and Mrs. S. R. Williams, in the fancy department.

ELLEN M. CARTWRIGHT,
S. A. THOMPSON,
SARAH W. MACY,
} Committee.

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**Reports.**

The Executive Board made the following awards for premiums on Reports:—

To E. M. Gardner, Esq., for report on Sheep, first premium, $5.

To Dr. Augustus Franklin, for report on Equestrian Performances, second premium, $4.

To William H. Waitt, Esq., for report on Butter and Cheese, third premium, $3.

JAMES THOMPSON, *President.*

THE NANTUCKET

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ON

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SEPTEMBER 25 AND 26,

**1866:**

*And all persons are requested to contribute for Exhibition or Premium, all things Useful or Ornamental, which they can produce.*

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THE SOCIETY

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For the encouragement of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

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*Representative to State Board of Agriculture for ensuing three years,*

JAMES THOMPSON.

# PREMIUMS.

The following is a list of Premiums, and Rules and Regulations adopted for the year 1866:

### FARMS.

For the best conducted Farms in the county, two premiums, $25, 20.

### TREES.

For the best lots of Pine or other Forest Trees, of not less than five acres, from seed planted within five years, two premiums, $8, 5.

For the best lots of Fruit Trees, not less than twenty in number, and set out within three years, two premiums, $5, 3.

### SWAMP LAND.

For reclaiming Swamp Lands, not less than one-half acre, two premiums, $8, 5.

### PLOWING.

For the best experiments in Plowing, with both oxen and horses, not less than six inches deep, three premiums, each $4, 3, 2.

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## EXPERIMENTAL CROPS.

For the best acre of Corn, four premiums, $8, 6, 4, 2.

For the best acre of Rye, two premiums, $5, 3.

For the best acre of Wheat, three premiums, $8, 5, 3.

For the best half-acre of Potatoes, three premiums, $5, 4, 3.

For the best acre of Oats, two premiums, $6, 3.

For the best acre of Barley, three premiums, $5, 3, 2.

For the best acre of Hay, three premiums, $5, 4, 3.

For the best quarter-acre of Beets, two premiums, $2, 1.

For the best half-acre of Turnips, three premiums, $4, 3, 2.

For the best quarter-acre of Carrots, three premiums, $3, 2, 1.

For the best quarter-acre of Onions, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best half-acre of Beans, three premiums, $3, 2, 1.

For the best half-acre of Cranberries, three premiums, $5, 3, 2.

For the best eighth-acre of Strawberries, two premiums, $5, 3.

For the best eighth-acre of Blackberries, two premiums, $5, 3.

Two copies of "Flint on Grasses," are at the disposal of the Committee.

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## VEGETABLES.

Premiums and gratuities on Garden Vegetables will be awarded, not exceeding in amount the sum of twenty-five dollars.

For the best collection of Vegetables, three premiums, $5, 3, 2.

For the best show of Indian Corn, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, Carrots, Beets, Parsnips, Pumpkins, and Cabbages, each one dollar.

To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee, five dollars.

Two copies of "Harris on Insects," will be at the disposal of the Committee for awards of three dollars and upwards, in lieu of the premiums offered.

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## DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

### HORSES.

For the best Stallion brought into the county, and kept one year, seventy-five dollars.

For the best Mare with Colt by her side, three premiums, $5, 4, 3.

For the best four years old Colt, raised in the county, two premiums, $4, 3.

For the best three years old Colt, two premiums, $4, 3.

For the best two years old Colt, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best one year old Colt, two premiums, $2. 1.

For the best Sucking Colt, two premiums, $2, 1.

For the best trotting Horse, limits three minutes and under, three premiums, $20, 15, 10.

For the best Walking Horse, tried on track, to walk around course (one-half mile) in eight minutes, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best Family Horse, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best Draught Horse, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best pair Draught Horses, two premiums, $5, 3.

### EQUESTRIAN PERFORMANCE.

For the best Equestrian performance, for ladies and gentlemen, three premiums, $3, 2, 1.

### COWS AND HEIFERS.

For the best herd of five thorough-bred Jerseys, (and one of the five may be a bull,) two premiums, $10, 8.

For the best herd of five thorough-bred Ayrshires, (and one of the five may be a bull,) two premiums, $10, 8.

For the best herd of five natives, two premiums, $8, 6.

For the best thorough-bred Jersey Cow, two premiums, $5, 4.

For the best thorough-bred Ayrshire Cow, two premiums, $5, 4.

For the best grade Cow, two premiums, $4, 3.

For the best native Cow, two premiums, $4, 3.

For the best two year old Ayrshire Heifer, in milk, two premiums, $4, 3.

For the best two year old Jersey Heifer, in milk, two premiums, $4, 3.

For the best two year old grade Heifer, in milk, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best two year old native Heifer, in milk, two premiums, $3, 2.
For the best two year old Ayrshire Heifer, two premiums, $3, 2.
For the best two year old Jersey Heifer, two premiums, $3, 2.
For the best grade two year old Heifer, two premiums, $2, 1.
For the best native two year old Heifer, two premiums, $2, 1.
For the best one year old Ayrshire Heifer, two premiums, $2, 1.
For the best one year old Jersey Heifer, two premiums, $2, 1.
For the best one year old grade Heifer, $1.
For the best one year old native Heifer, $1.
For the best four two year old Heifers, two premiums, $3, 2.
For the best Jersey calf, $1.50.
For the best Ayrshire calf, $1.50.
For the best grade calf, $1.00.
For the best native calf, $1.00.

BULLS.

For the best Aryshire Bull, to be kept nine months in the county, three premiums, $12, 10, 8.
For the best Jersey Bull, to be kept nine months in the county, three premiums, $12, 10, 8.

WORKING OXEN AND STEERS.

For the best yoke of Working Oxen, three premiums, $4, 3, 2.
For the best yoke of Steers, three years old, two premiums, $3, 2.
For the best yoke of Steers, two years old, two premiums, $2, 1.
For the best yoke of yearling Steers, $1.

FAT CATTLE.

For the best pair of Fat Cattle, $3.

HOGS.

For the best Boar, two premiums, $4, 2.
For the best Sow, with not less than six pigs, three premiums, $5, 3, 2.
For the best lot of eight pigs and upwards, two premiums, $4, 3.

SHEEP.

For the best Southdown Buck, pure blood, two premiums, $10, 8.
For the best Cotswold Buck, pure blood, two premiums, $10, 8.
For the best lot of Southdown Ewes, of not less than five, two premiums, $5, 4.
For the best lot of Cotswold Ewes, not less than five, two premiums, $5, 4.
For the best lot of not less than five Ewes, mixed blood, two premiums, $4, 3.
For the best lot of Lambs, not less than five in number, two premiums, $3, 2.

# POULTRY.

## FOWLS.

For the best lot of Fowls, not less than one Cock and six Hens, three premiums, $3, 2, 1.

For the best six Ducks, two premiums, $2, 1.

For the best flock of six Geese, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best flock of six Turkies, two premiums, $3, 2.

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# MISCELLANEOUS.

## BREAD, BUTTER, CHEESE AND HONEY.

The Committee will make awards for Bread, amounting to not more than four dollars.

For the best lot of Butter, of not less than ten pounds, four premiums, $4, 3, 2, 1.

For Cheese, the Committee will award gratuities, not exceeding in amount five dollars.

For the best display of Honey, two premiums, $2, 1.

## FRUITS.

The Committee will make awards for Fruits, amounting to not more than forty-one dollars.

For best collection of house grapes, two premiums, $5, 3.

For best collection of out-door grapes, two premiums, $3, 2.

For best collection of pears, two premiums, $5, 3.

For best collection of apples, two premiums, $3, 2.

For best single dish of grapes, $1.

For best single dish of pears, $1.

To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee, $10.

Three copies of "Harris on Insects," will be at the disposal of the Committee for awards of three dollars and upwards, in lieu of the premiums offered.

## FLOWERS.

For the best collection of flowers, three premiums, $3, 2, 1.

For the best show of cut-flowers, two-premiums, $2, 1.50.

For the best bouquet of flowers, 75 cents.

For Committee to distribute in gratuities, $5.

One copy of "Harris on Insects" will be at the disposal of the Committee, in lieu of the premiums offered for the best collection of flowers.

## HYMNS, SONGS AND ESSAYS.

For the best Song, two premiums, $5, 3.

For the best Essay on Agriculture, two premiums, $6, 4.

For the best Hymn, two premiums, $2, 1.

## MANUFACTURES.

Premiums and Gratuities will be awarded for Manufactured Articles, not exceeding thirty-seven dollars.

For the best lot of Boots and Shoes, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best lot of Hosiery and Knit Goods, two premiums, $4, 2.

For the best lot of Willow or Rattan Baskets, two premiums, $2, 1.

For the best collection of Photographs or Paintings, two premiums, $3, 2.

For the best Carriage of home manufacture, $3.

For the best Carriage Harness, $3.

For the best collection of Tin Plate Work, $2.

To be distributed at the discretion of the Committee, if required, $10.

## FANCY ARTICLES.

The Committee will make awards for Fancy Articles, not exceeding in amount, twenty-five dollars.

## REPORTS.

For the further promotion of Agriculture, and the encouragement to Committees to make full Reports, accompanied with such statements as will be of general interest and service, the Society offers additional premiums, as follows:

For the best statement of the course pursued in raising a premium Vegetable crop, $3.

For the best Report, three premiums, $5, 4, 3.

## MANURES.

For the best experiment with Manure, with a statement in writing, which is to be left with the Secretary previous to the first of October, showing the kind and cost, two premiums, $8, 4.

The following standard for crops was adopted, falling below which, no crop shall be deemed entitled to a premium:

For Indian Corn, 50 bushels to the acre.
" Wheat, 20 bushels to the acre.
" Oats, 40 bushels to the acre.
" Barley, 40 bushels to the acre.
" Rye, 20 bushels to the acre.
" Potatoes, 250 bushels to the acre.
" Turnips, 500 bushels to the acre.
" Carrots, 600 bushels to the acre.
" Onions, 500 bushels to the acre.
" Beets, 800 bushels to the acre.
" Beans, 20 bushels to the acre.
" Hay, three tons to the acre.

All premiums will be awarded on the following conditions, viz.:

All persons exhibiting breeding stock, are required to state in writing, to the Secretary, *at the time of making their entries*, the breed and pedigree of the animals, so far as known to them.

Competitors for premiums for herds or single cows, are required to state in writing, to the Secretary, at the time of *making their entries*, the time when said cows last calved, and how they have been fed. They can select any two cows, and the bull (if one) from the herd, and enter them for best and second best single cows, and best bull also.

All persons competing for the premiums for Crops, are required to make their entries with the Chairman of the Committee on Crops, and receive from him a blank to be filled out, in writing, as follows:—For Hay, on or before June 1st; for Grain Crops, on or before July 1st; for Corn and Root Crops, on or before August 1st, 1866; and no premium will be paid unless all these conditions are complied with.

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**First Day.**

The FAIR and EXAMINATION of the STOCK, excepting Horses, will commence on the first day of the Fair, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and all animals will be required to remain in the pens until 3 o'clock, P. M., or until released by the Committee.

The PLOWING MATCH will commence at 2 o'clock, P. M.

**Second Day.**

The examination of HORSES will take place at 9 o'clock, A. M., on the second day.

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## General Rules.

1ST.

All entries of *Stock* must be made with the Secretary, previous to 10 o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair, to be entitled to a premium.

2D.

All competitors for premiums, must enter their articles previous to 10 o'clock, A. M., of the first day of the Fair.

3D.

All articles exhibited, must remain during the Fair.

4TH.

No animal or article will be entitled to a premium, which is removed by the owner, without permission of the Committee of Arrangements.

5TH.

All animals or articles exhibited, will have all possible care of the Committee, but must be at the risk of the owners.

6TH.

No animal or article, for which a premium has been awarded by the Society in a previous year, will be entitled to another, unless it be of a higher grade.

7TH.

Upon application to the Chairman, the Committee on

Crops, will visit any farm, field, or crops entered for premium.

8TH.

It will be optional with the various Committees, to award premiums or not, as the thing entered for it, may in their judgment deserve, whether there is competition or not.

9TH.

All persons in the County may compete for the premiums offered; but in case any one is awarded to a person not a member of the Society, the admission fee of a member will be deducted; but premiums and gratuities, of less sums than the admission fees, will be paid on demand, to all persons to whom they are awarded.

10TH.

All premiums awarded, not called for within fifteen days, will be added to the capital stock of the Society.

11TH.

Any person may become a member of this Society, by signing the constitution, and if a male, paying to the Treasurer two dollars, and if a female, one dollar.

12TH.

All persons competing for Plowing, shall make their entries with the Secretary, previous to the first day of the Fair.

13TH.

All neat stock and horses must be kept in the county at least four months next preceding the exhibition, and all male breeding stock nine months, either before and after, or before or after the time of the exhibition.